

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 824

By Gilmore

A RESOLUTION recognizing the nationwide launching of the
Zackery Lystedt Brain Project.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly pause in their deliberations to recognize those beneficial organizations and initiatives that serve to educate and assist the citizens of these United States; and

WHEREAS, the Zackery Lystedt Brain Project, which was launched on a national scale on February 3, 2009, by the Sarah Jane Brain Foundation in conjunction with the American College of Sports Medicine, is one such initiative that has as its goal the education of young athletes, coaches, and parents on the dangers of concussion and head injuries; and

WHEREAS, brain injuries are the leading cause of death and disability for children and young adults in America, and the Zackery Lystedt Brain Project will advance the core principles dealing with youth sports concussions using public awareness, education and training, legislation, and continued research. This project has as its primary goal the prevention of hundreds of thousands of children and young adults suffering life-altering brain injuries; and

WHEREAS, this project is named after Zackery Lystedt, a seventeen-year-old Washington youth, who, after suffering a concussion during a game of football, was sent back into the game too quickly and, on the last play of that game, collapsed as a result of a debilitating brain injury; and

WHEREAS, the injury left Zackery paralyzed and permanently disabled, and it is through the efforts of him and his family that legislation aimed at preventing similar injuries happening to young athletes was enacted by the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Zackery Lystedt Brain Project seeks to build upon the foundation established by the law, which requires the education of young athletes, their parents, and their

coaches on the risks associated with concussions and other head injuries; the removal of athletes from play if a concussion is suspected; and the procurement of medical clearance by a licensed healthcare provider by any athlete before that athlete may return to play, practice, or training; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that this body applaud the efforts of the Zackery Lystedt Brain Project; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and applaud the Zackery Lystedt Brain Project for its efforts in protecting children and young adults from the dangers of brain injury and extend our best wishes for the project's success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.